

Exhibit 1

PATENT APPLICATION
DOCKET NO. 10003878

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT:	Alexey S. Kabalnov, et al.	DECLARATION OF ALEXEY KABALNOV UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131
SERIAL NO.:	09/895,468	
FOR:	METHODS FOR DIGITALLY PRINTING ON CERAMICS	
ART UNIT:	2853	
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I, Alexey Kabalnov, declare as follows:

1. I am a named inventor in the above-captioned application and the subject matter described and claimed therein.

2. It is my understanding that all of claims in the above-recited patent application have been rejected as obvious over various combinations of references, and that all of the obviousness rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) include U.S. Patent No. 6,412,939 as one of the necessary references.

3. It is further my understanding that U.S. Patent No. 6,412,939 was filed in the U.S. on August 23, 2000, and issued as a U.S. Patent on July 2, 2002.


4. The invention as described and claimed in the above-reference patent application titled METHODS FOR DIGITALLY PRINTING ON CERAMICS (U.S. Serial No. 09/895,468) was invented by myself, Loren E. Johnson, and Donald E. Wenzel (who is now retired from

Hewlett-Packard, and thus, is unavailable).

5. The invention as described and claimed in the above-reference patent application titled METHODS FOR DIGITALLY PRINTING ON CERAMICS (U.S. Serial No. 09/895,468) was conceived and reduced to practice prior to August 23, 2000, and I recorded a written description of embodiments of the invention on behalf of myself and my co-inventors on consecutive pages 22-23 of a laboratory notebook prior to August 23, 2000. Further, the written description that was recorded was also witnessed and dated by two witnesses, namely John R. Moffatt and Zia Ur Rehman, prior to August 23, 2000. Exhibit 3 contains a copy of the witnessed report, with redacted dates, which shows conception and reduction to practice of the claimed invention.

6. I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful, false statement may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

DATED this 26th day of September, 2002.



Alexey Kabalnov